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Response to Rule 312  
Communication

- ☐ The petition filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

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Director,  
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- ☒ The amendment filed on 4/17/00 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

- ☐ entered.
- ☐ entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).
- ☒ disapproved. See explanation below.
- ☐ entered in part. See explanation below.

The proposed new claim is a new issue. The proposed amendment to the specification is a new issue. Clearly these additions to the specification and the claims affect the scope of the invention. Accordingly, these additions to the specification and the claims are disapproved.

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